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August 27, 2020

Mayor John Williams
PO Box 1902
Colstrip, MT 59323

RE: Montana Coal Board Grant Award Status

Dear Mayor Williams:

The Montana Coal Board contingently awarded grant funds for the City of Colstrip application #0891 for the Colstrip Broadband Feasibility Study at the December 12, 2019 Coal Board meeting based upon available revenue. Currently revenue is insufficient to execute a contract between the Department of Commerce and the City of Colstrip.

The Department of Commerce receives monthly budget updates for the account the Montana Coal Board uses to grant funds, to determine if revenue is sufficient to begin routing contracts for projects that have been awarded contingent upon available revenue. Budget updates are provided to the Montana Coal Board and to the public at the quarterly meetings. When revenue becomes available in an amount sufficient to cover the awards made, Commerce will route contracts with awarded grantees. Until a contract is executed with the Department of Commerce, proceeding with the project and incurring any project related expenditures are at the risk of the applicant.

For more information about the next meeting and materials provided to the Board and public, please visit the Montana Coal Board website: <https://comdev.mt.gov/Boards/Coal/Meetings>.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Community Development Division staff at DOCCDD@mt.gov or 406-841-2770.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Olson".
Jennifer Olson

Division Administrator
Community Development Division

Ecc: contacts included in the original application via email